

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the remarks below is respectfully requested. Claims 14-19 are withdrawn from consideration and canceled. Claim 59 is added. No claims are amended. Claims 1-13 and 20-59 are pending in the application.

I. ELECTION/RESTRICTION

The Office Action states that this application contains claims that are directed to Embodiments 1, 2 and 3 in respective reference to FIG. 1, FIG. 2 and FIG. 3. In response, Claims 1-13, 20-58, and a newly added claim 59 are identified as Group I, corresponding to Embodiment 1 in reference to FIG. 1; Claims 14-20 are identified as Group III, corresponding to Embodiment 3 in reference to FIG. 3. No claims are identified as Group II, corresponding to Embodiment 2 in reference to FIG. 2.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Claims 1-13 and 20-59 of Group I for examination.

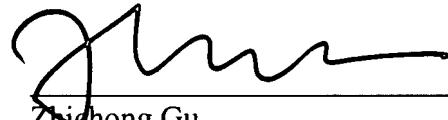
II. CONCLUSIONS & MISCELLANEOUS

For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone relating to any issue that would advance examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If applicable, a check for the petition for extension of time fee and other applicable fees is enclosed herewith. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,
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